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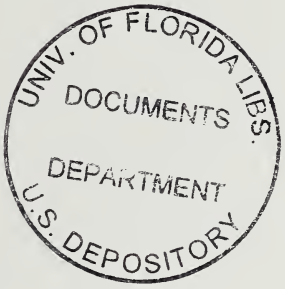
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Biography

John Clarence Watts was born in Nicholasville, Jessamine County, Ky., July 9, 1902; attended the public schools; was graduated from the University of Kentucky in 1925 and from its law school in 1927; was admitted to the bar in 1927 and commenced the practice of law in Nicholasville, Ky.; also operated a farm; police judge of Nicholasville, Ky., 1929–33; county attorney of Jessamine County, Ky., 1933–45; member of the State house of representatives in 1947 and 1948, serving as floor leader; commissioner of motor transportation for State of Kentucky 1948–51; elected as a Democrat to the Eighty-second Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Thomas R. Underwood; reelected to the Eighty-third and to the nine succeeding Congresses and served from April 14, 1951, until his death in Lexington, Ky., September 24, 1971; interment in Maple Grove Cemetery, Nicholasville, Ky.

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FOR

JOHN C. WATTS

Proceedings in the House

MONDAY, *September 27, 1971.*

The House met at 12 o'clock noon.

The Chaplain, Rev. Edward G. Latch, D.D., offered the following prayer:

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: For Thou art with me.—Psalms 23:4.

Our Heavenly Father, who art waiting to receive and to answer each sincere prayer, we come to Thee in our sorrow praying for light in our darkness, strength for our weakness and deliverance from our doubts and fears.

We commit to Thy loving care our beloved JOHN C. WATTS. We thank Thee for him who so faithfully and so truly lived—for his integrity of mind, his sincerity of heart, his kindly thoughts, and generous deeds, his courage to stand firm for what he believed, his untiring devotion to his country, his State, and his district, his love of home and church and for the great ideals which motivated his quiet spirit.

Sustain his family in their bereavement and comfort us in our sorrow by a confident faith in Thy living and loving presence. Teach us to live as those who are prepared to die and eventually to die as those who are prepared to live, that nothing may separate us from Thy love which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Mr. PERKINS. Mr. Speaker, rising in this Chamber to note the death of a colleague is always a sad occasion, but for me it is doubly distressing to remark upon the passing of a good and close personal friend, Representative JOHN WATTS, of Kentucky.

Mr. Speaker, those of us who have been privileged to serve with JOHN WATTS over the last two decades know what a tower of strength he has been. He was not a showy Member, but a very effective Member. He was a Congressman's Congressman. He was a worker in his committee, a quiet effective man who knew how to get things done.

Mr. Speaker, I talked with JOHN for the last time at a political dinner in Louisville a week ago this past Saturday night. He obviously was not feeling well, but, nevertheless, he kept on going. He was never an individual to complain about anything.

I first became acquainted with JOHN nearly a quarter century ago, when he was majority leader of the Kentucky House of Representatives, and I was counsel to the State highway department. The friendship that began there did, I am proud to say, last as long as he lived.

Over the years, I came to rely on his counsel and his sound judgment, and never failed to marvel at the breadth of his knowledge.

JOHN WATTS gave of himself unstintingly during a long career of public service. He was a farmer, a lawyer, and a banker. His first public service was as police judge of his hometown of Nicholasville, Ky., more than 40 years ago. He was subsequently county attorney of his home county, Jessamine, for a dozen years from 1933 to 1945. After his service in the Kentucky Legislature, JOHN was appointed commissioner of motor transportation in the administration of Gov. Earle C. Clements, who had left this House in 1947 to seek the governorship. JOHN was serving in the motor transportation commissionership when he was elected in a special election to fill the unexpired House term of Thomas Underwood, who had been in 1951 appointed to fill a vacancy in the U.S. Senate.

JOHN was familiar with the workings of government on all levels, and that knowledge was put to use.

Mr. Speaker, his colleagues on the Committee on Ways and Means will miss JOHN WATTS and the vast store of his knowledge and his efficient service. He will be missed by his friends both from his home State as well as elsewhere across the Nation. His wise and patient counsel was often sought and never denied.

I am sure the entire House joins me in expressing the deepest sympathy to his wife Nora and his daughter Lillian.

The likes of JOHN WATTS will not come this way again.

Mr. BOGGS. Mr. Speaker, I feel particularly sad, standing here this morning, to say farewell to a man who was one of my dearest friends.

I sat next to JOHN WATTS on the Committee on Ways and Means for at least 10 years, maybe longer. When I first came to know him when he arrived here in Washington I was impressed with his grasp of the problems that confront us day by day; by his hard work, by his tenacity, and, as the distinguished gentleman from Kentucky has said, by his quiet effectiveness.

But as I sat with him day after day on the Committee on Ways and Means, and as we had to make decisions on the complex economic issues that come before that great committee, I found that he possessed one of the greatest qualities that a Member can have, and that is good judgment.

I remember the late Speaker Sam Rayburn saying here on occasion that a man could have a lot of things, a lot of attributes and a lot of qualities, but if he lacked judgment then he lacked the most important attribute of all. JOHN WATTS had good judgment and commonsense.

As he analyzed these complex issues and as I would talk to him about them I would find almost invariably that his judgment was based on sound principles, and upon what he considered to be in the best interests of this country of ours—and in being concerned about our Nation as a whole he was nonetheless concerned about one of the great States of this Nation, Kentucky. The interests of that State were so well represented on the Committee on Ways and Means by JOHN WATTS. Again, not in an intrusive fashion. Seldom did he take the well and make a speech, but there was never a day when something involving Kentucky came up in that committee, and I know this is true on the House floor as well, that he did not make his presence felt and known.

Finally, but certainly not least, JOHN WATTS was a good and dear friend. I suspect that the longer we stay here and the more experiences we have, and the more we are battered back and forth in trying

to carry out the trust that our people have given to us, we come more and more to appreciate a man who is indeed a good friend.

JOHN WATTS stood tall when the going was rough in that committee, on the floor of the House, and elsewhere.

Mr. Speaker, it is very difficult for me to realize that he has left us. His quiet presence was something that I always felt. I would say to the distinguished gentleman from Kentucky that I shall feel that presence as long as I am a Member of this body.

Mr. Speaker, I join with the distinguished gentleman from Kentucky [Mr. Perkins] in extending, on behalf of Mrs. Boggs and myself, the very deepest sympathies to the loving wife of JOHN WATTS, and his family.

Mr. NATCHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay humble tribute to the memory of my friend, JOHN C. WATTS.

His concept of public trust was without parallel and never did he hesitate to speak out against any proposal which he felt was not sound and not to the best interests of our people. In every position he held, either private or public, he achieved distinction. His service in all of his assignments was marked by a high sense of conscience and duty.

Beginning the year 1929, Congressman WATTS served as police judge of Nicholasville, Ky., and occupied this position for 4 years. Next he was elected county attorney of Jessamine County and served from 1933 until 1945. Following his service as county attorney he served as a member and as majority leader of the House of Representatives of the Kentucky State Legislature from 1947 to 1948. When experience and ability were very much required he offered to serve as commissioner of motor transportation of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and occupied this position from 1948 until 1951. In the year 1951 he was elected a Member of Congress and served until the time of his death.

Few men in any walk of life have attracted so large a share of public attention or maintained for so long a period an equal degree of mental distinction. He was always loyal to his friends and to the people of his district and of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. All down through the years he was a man of great patience and tolerance and made every effort to understand thoroughly every problem presented and to clearly indicate the fact that he not only understood the facts but was ready to act at the proper time. JOHN WATTS

had not been well for sometime, and, notwithstanding the fact that on a great many occasions he did not feel well, he continued to carry out the duties of a Representative of the Congress of the United States in the proper manner. He was a tower of strength and an outstanding example of responsible legislative leadership for his colleagues in the Congress. Friendly and sympathetic to all of the problems of the Members of the States that he advised with as a member of the Committee on Ways and Means, he indicated at all times his understanding and willingness to serve. The genuine affection and respect that he commanded on both sides of the aisle is the mark of this great man of the people. In these times when many of the problems confronting this country and to us seem almost incapable of solution, we can ill afford to lose a man with the experience and ability of JOHN C. WATTS.

Mr. Speaker, I have lost a good friend, and the Commonwealth of Kentucky has lost a great leader. At this time we pay tribute to his magnificent leadership and the fine influence he had on his State and Nation. The House of Representatives has lost a magnificent public servant. I extend to his wife and daughter my deepest sympathy in their bereavement.

Mr. BYRNES of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, the news of the passing of JOHN WATTS was, I know, a shock to all of his friends. It leaves us all sad. We who knew him in the House of Representatives know that we have lost one of our very fine legislators. Kentucky has certainly lost one of its noble men and a Representative who thought always of the welfare of his State and his Nation. He dedicated his life to them.

JOHN was a kindly man, a quiet man, and always diligent in addressing himself to the duties of the job at hand. Those of us who served with him on the Committee on Ways and Means know how dedicated he was to the work of that committee.

He was above all a practical man. He brought to the committee and to his legislative action a degree of practicality that was helpful to all of us who worked with him. We here in the Congress and, certainly, we on the Committee on Ways and Means particularly will greatly miss him and I am sure all of us in the House will find there has been a void created by his leaving us.

To the people of Kentucky and of his district and to his family I do want to express my deepest sympathy at their loss.

Mr. ALBERT. Mr. Speaker, like all Members of the House, I was shocked on Friday night when the Sergeant at Arms called me to advise me that my good friend and distinguished colleague, JOHN C. WATTS, had left us after suffering a massive cerebral hemorrhage.

I knew JOHN well from the time he first became a Member of the House back in 1951. I have know him as a coworker, as a fellow legislator, and as a personal friend. Shortly after he came to the House he was assigned to the Committee on Agriculture. He and I worked together on that committee and on the subcommittees thereof unil he was elected to the Committee on Ways and Means.

In the life and personality of JOHN WATTS were concentrated many qualities that made him a very constructive and able Member of this body. He was quiet, but he always knew where he was going, and there was a resolution about him possessed by few men. I do not know of anybody who was more familiar with the problems of his own district or who was a better advocate of the interests of his constituents than this distinguished Kentuckian. But I can say also that his legislative interests were much more than parochial. His contributions were far greater than either the public or the Members of the House in general were sometimes aware.

I remember when he became chairman of the Poultry Subcommittee of the Committee on Agriculture and handled one of the first pure food bills ever to be presented to the House of Representatives in my time in his fight for clean poultry for the American people. I think it is little known that his name and fingerprints are on one of the first important pieces of consumer legislation enacted in Congress in modern times.

In recent years he has, of course, served with great distinction on the Committee on Ways and Means. He had the balance and the judgment which the major issues considered by that committee require. He was an attentive Member of the House. There was seldom a day that did not see JOHN sitting on the second or third row as I looked out across the Chamber from the Speaker's chair.

He knew what was going on and he tended to his business and the business of the House. Beyond this JOHN was my personal and dear friend. Only a few days before he left us he had invited me to try to arrange a day when we could go hunting together this fall and

go fishing together next spring. He was a great outdoor sportsman, as all of those serving in this House who love the outdoors well know.

JOHN was a kind and friendly person, calm and deliberate at all times. But he was willing to fight for the justice of any cause in which he believed. I shall miss him as a distinguished legislator. I shall miss him as a warm friend.

Mrs. Albert joins me in extending to his beloved widow, Nora, and their daughter, Mrs. Lillian Davidson, our deepest sympathy in their bereavement.

Mr. CONABLE. Mr. Speaker, JOHN WATTS combined a rare quality of warm and human personality with an unusual degree of shrewd and perceptive legislative ability. Nothing slipped by him in the deliberations of our Ways and Means Committee without his complete understanding. Not infrequently our bills bore his unmistakable personal imprint. Those of us who have served with him will always think of him with warmth and affection. His passing must be a tragic blow to his family: it is also a most unhappy loss for his country. We all will miss him.

Mr. SIKES. Mr. Speaker, the Nation is saddened and shocked by the sudden death of Congressman JOHN C. WATTS of Kentucky. For 20 years, this great gentleman served his State and his Nation well in the Congress, and I am proud to have been able to claim this distinguished colleague as a close friend. During that time few Members of Congress, in the House or Senate, have rendered more capable or effective service.

As the second ranking member of the Ways and Means Committee, JOHN WATTS went about his job quietly and well, keeping always as his goal a free and strong America. His contributions toward this goal were meaningful and highly important to the future of our country.

Born in Nicholasville, Ky., JOHN WATTS studied at the University of Kentucky where he received his law degree. As a successful businessman, banker, and farmer as well as an attorney, JOHN WATTS held many important State and county offices before coming to Congress in 1951.

In the 20 years he served in this body, he gained the respect and admiration of his colleagues on both sides of the aisle. The work

which he did here constitutes a lasting monument to the memory of an outstanding colleague. I consider him one of our soundest and most valuable Members. He will be sorely missed in the work of the House.

Those of us who knew and respected JOHN WATTS extend our sincere expressions of sympathy to his wife and daughter and to the people of Kentucky whom he served so well.

Mr. MILLS of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, this House and the Nation suffered the loss of a dedicated public servant, the Committee on Ways and Means lost one of its most able and respected members and we all lost a very close friend.

JOHN WATTS was my strong right arm on the committee and its ranking majority member. Members on both sides of the aisle held him in highest esteem and respected very greatly his mature judgment and wisdom. I do not know of anyone on the committee who had more expertise in the exceedingly difficult and technical areas falling within the committee's jurisdiction, including our internal revenue system, the tariff structure, the public debt, and the social security system, including medicare and the welfare programs.

JOHN WATTS' distinguished career spans over four decades of service to his native Nicholasville, Ky., his beloved State of Kentucky and the U.S. House of Representatives. It is from this wellspring of long experience, innate commonsense and profound knowledge of government that JOHN WATTS drew to effectively serve for so long his district, Kentucky and the Nation. We shall miss him greatly in the committee and in this House.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to his wife, Nora, their daughter and others of the family. All of us in this body feel a very deep sense of loss and sorrow in the passing of this superb lawyer, devoted legislator and warm personal friend.

Mr. ULLMAN. Mr. Speaker, it was my privilege and honor to sit next to the gentleman from Kentucky, JOHN WATTS, on the Ways and Means Committee, just below him, for over 10 years, and to know and understand and love this man who, in his own quiet way, was one of the most effective persons we have had in this whole body. He took the stance of a country lawyer, but when he stood up to speak in the committee, one became aware immediately that this was not an ordinary man. He had a kind of steel-trap mind—extremely effective. He was both competitive and articulate. He knew where he was

going, and he knew the legislative process and the political process, and he knew how to get there.

He was also my friend—and when JOHN WATTS was your friend, he was your friend all the time. His word was his bond. He cherished and prized nothing higher than his word and his commitment.

JOHN WATTS was a great outdoorsman. I have been on many fishing excursions with him. He loved the outdoors and he loved the competition of a fishing or hunting expedition. I have never seen him come back without his bag filled. He would return to the river time and again to make sure that his bag was fuller than that of anyone else in the group.

He came with me to Oregon to visit the Warm Springs Indians. They took him, this man from the mountains of Kentucky, to their hearts. I want to express here their feeling of bereavement and their feeling of loss, just as I do mine. He became one of them. He returned at their invitation time and again. They appreciated the tremendous assets that were his as an extraordinary and warm human being.

I feel a great personal loss in the death of my good friend, JOHN WATTS, and I express my sympathy to his wife Nora and to his daughter. I also wish to express my sympathy to the people of Kentucky; they have lost a rare and honest leader.

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, I first became acquainted with JOHN WATTS when he was speaker of the House of Representatives of the State of Kentucky. At that time my cousin served as minority leader with him and they were great friends.

JOHN WATTS had been city attorney of Nicholasville, director of motor transportation of the State of Kentucky, and served, as I mentioned, as a distinguished majority leader of the House of Representatives of the State of Kentucky.

When I began my service here in the House of Representatives JOHN and I became fast friends. I found him to be forthright and honest. He always spoke exactly what he thought.

This body has lost a great Member. The Sixth District of Kentucky and Kentucky have lost a wonderful Representative.

Today I want to extend my sympathy to his loved ones.

Mr. BURKE of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I wish to associate myself with my other colleagues today in the statements made about my dear and beloved friend JOHN C. WATTS.

This Nation is experiencing a great loss. This House is experiencing a great loss. I am experiencing a great personal loss, because JOHN WATTS to me was a great and loyal friend. His word was his bond.

I first became acquainted with the great work of JOHN WATTS in this Congress when I joined the House Committee on Ways and Means in 1961. I was impressed by his astuteness, by his great legal mind.

JOHN had a habit, before he would question a witness, of always prefacing his remarks by saying he was just a country lawyer. But, believe me, JOHN WATTS could recite the Internal Revenue Code verbatim. He had a brilliant mind—a very brilliant mind.

He knew how to get things done. He was an architect of a great deal of the legislation which has passed through this House during the past decade. I recall that many times, when he had amendments on various bills before that committee, he always kept the interest of the Nation first. He placed that first. He was a great, God-fearing man. But he always served the State of Kentucky and his district.

The finest thing, I believe, about JOHN WATTS was his warmth, his personality. One could go to him and could present to him a problem of one's own region. I am speaking for the people of New England now when I say to the House that New England has lost a great friend, because he could always understand the other fellow's problem.

He was very broadminded in his views. He was a dedicated, hard-working man. We all know that during the past 3 or 4 years, when he was suffering from really serious illness, he was on the job every day. He carried on, and carried on in the finest traditions of this House.

As someone said a few moments ago, he was a Congressman's Congressman. To me he will always be an inspiration. I will always feel his presence because of the great work he has accomplished over the years as a fine, dedicated, devoted public servant.

I know I express the sympathy of Mrs. Burke as well as myself, and we extend this and our prayers to his wonderful, loving wife and his devoted daughter.

Mr. WAGGONNER. Mr. Speaker, it was with great sorrow that I learned of the death of my long-time friend and colleague, JOHN CLARENCE WATTS. But we must remember the words of Richter:

Each departed friend is a magnet that attracts us to the next world.

And somehow I know that JOHN, who represented a Kentucky tobacco-growing, racehorse breeding district for 20 years, would not want us to say he had died, but rather that he had beat us in from the home stretch.

In all the years JOHN served here in Congress, he never forgot for one moment that his prime reason for being here was to minister to the needs of his State and his Nation. JOHN had been a banker, a farmer, as well as a lawyer, and held several county offices before winning election to Congress in 1951.

Quiet, dedicated, and shunning the limelight, he used great commonsense in reviewing and perfecting complex legislation. I had known JOHN for over 9 years, but it was after joining him several months ago on the House Ways and Means Committee that I was at a vantage point in noting his countless contributions in taxation, trade, social security and welfare. JOHN will be missed from the Bluegrass country of Kentucky to the cloakroom on Capitol Hill, but his distinguished record of service to his State and Nation will live on and on.

And so, along with his many, many friends, I extend my sympathy and condolences to his wife and family.

Mr. POAGE. Mr. Speaker, I would not want to let this opportunity pass without joining in the expressions of sympathy for the family of JOHN WATTS and without joining in the expressions of loss on the part of the House. Most of the Members of this House are good and faithful Members, and JOHN WATTS was a good man and a faithful Member, a hard worker and a conscientious Representative.

On the other hand relatively few of the Members of this House are outstandingly able men. JOHN WATTS was one of those. He was an outstanding leader here and in the Nation.

As Members of the House we have lost a personal friend. The whole country has lost an able, stalwart public servant.

I join in extending sympathy to the family and expressing my own loss from the standpoint of the Congress and of the Nation.

Mr. EDMONDSON. Mr. Speaker, the State of Kentucky has sent to the Halls of this great House of Representatives many outstanding legislators, but I do not know of any in this century more beloved by his colleagues or more effective in his representation of his State than JOHN C. WATTS of Kentucky.

He was a quiet man, he was a strong man, he was a warm and friendly man, he was a man who did not give his word lightly but who, having given that word, would go to any lengths to make it good. He was indeed a legislator's legislator, a man who spoke not often but always forcefully and effectively and to the point when he took the well of the House.

I asked him in the course of my own long friendship with him for only two favors to me as a friend and colleague. Both of them he graciously and very generously performed. I feel I have lost a dear friend. I know that Kentucky has lost a great Representative and the House of Representatives has lost one of its finest Members.

Mr. Speaker, my wife joins me in expressing our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Watts and to the family.

Mr. EVINS of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I want to join with my colleagues from the State of Kentucky in paying a brief but sincere tribute to the memory of our late colleague, Representative JOHN WATTS, who passed away last week.

Certainly I was shocked and saddened to learn of the passing of this fine gentleman—an outstanding legislator and good friend. JOHN WATTS was able, dedicated, energetic and devoted to the public interest.

As a senior member of the influential Committee on Ways and Means he had an important part in preparation and enactment of legislation concerning taxation, trade, social security, and welfare reform. At the time of his passing he was especially interested in the President's economic proposals and had been working on legislation in this connection.

JOHN WATTS was also known for his effectiveness in representing his district—the Sixth District of Kentucky—as well as the State of

Kentucky in the Congress. He rendered outstanding service to his district, State, and Nation and his passing is a great loss to the people of Kentucky and the Nation. He will be greatly missed in the Congress.

I wish to take this means of extending to his wife and other members of the family this expression of my deepest and most sincere sympathy in their loss and bereavement. My wife, Ann, joins me in these sentiments.

Mr. JONES of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I want to join in the tribute to the memory of our late colleague and friend, the Honorable JOHN CLARENCE WATTS.

He established an outstanding record of public service in his community and his home State of Kentucky long before he joined us in this Chamber more than 20 years ago. Here, JOHN WATTS was recognized for his considerable knowledge of the complexities of our revenue laws and his unusual skills in the preparation and handling of tax legislation.

He devoted his efforts to improvement of our Nation's revenue laws and was recognized for his sympathetic consideration of any inconsistencies which might contribute to an imbalance in their administration.

He served his district and his State with great credit to the people who elected him. Beyond that, he was attentive to the problems which Members from other States would bring to him.

His friendly and courteous manner served him well and earned for him the affection of those of us who knew him as his skills and knowledge in legislative affairs earned for him our respect.

All of us will miss his companionship and his leadership. To his wife and daughter I extend my sincere sympathy in this time of their great loss.

Mr. BURLESON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, perhaps the most of us could spend a very long time in expressing our feelings about JOHN WATTS from the standpoint of a legislator and as a warm personal friend. By his nature, I think he would want any tribute to be made rather simple and a few words can describe him and express the deep personal feeling which I hold for him, as I know the many here do also, as is obvious.

Probably the Secretary of the Treasury, Hon. John B. Connally, described him most succinctly. He is quoted as saying of JOHN WATTS, "one who shunned the limelight but addressed himself with diligence and great commonsense to the demanding task of reviewing and perfecting complex legislation."

JOHN WATTS was my personal friend for more than 20 years here in the Congress. Soon after our acquaintance it only took a short time to measure him as a man to be depended upon and one who responded with a warm friendship. No man in this body was more highly respected and in him was recognized leadership unusual ability and dedication.

He will be missed in the role of a leader in the Ways and Means Committee and in this House of Representatives. Even more, he will be missed as a dependable friend.

Mr. MORGAN. Mr. Speaker, I want to join my fellow Members of the House in expressing sorrow at the passing of our distinguished colleagues from Kentucky, JOHN C. WATTS.

As one who served with him during his 20 years in the House, I had an opportunity to know him as an able and influential legislator and to value him as a friend.

His passing will deprive the Committee on Ways and Means of one of its key members. I know that it will take a long time for that committee to readjust to the fact that he no longer is present to make available his experience and judgment during its deliberations.

I want to express my sympathy to Mrs. Watts and to his daughter and granddaughter in their bereavement. They can derive comfort from the fact that he enjoyed the esteem and friendship of his colleagues who recognized him as a dedicated public servant who truly deserves the designation of "statesman." He was a man of integrity and a warm and loyal friend. He will be long remembered.

Mr. ANDERSON of California, Mr. Speaker, I would like to join my colleagues in paying tribute to our late colleague from Kentucky, the Honorable JOHN C. WATTS. He gave 20 years of outstanding service to his district and to the House of Representatives.

While he was a quiet man, he worked diligently in the Ways and Means Committee in order to bring about needed reforms in our tax laws and in our social security system. His compassion for his

fellow man was matched by his legislative skill, and his contributions to landmark legislative achievements will not be forgotten.

In addition to his noteworthy service on the Ways and Means Committee, Congressman WATTS gained a well-deserved reputation for his ability in ministering to the needs of his home State and the Sixth Congressional District. As a lawyer, farmer, and banker in his hometown of Jessamine, Ky., JOHN WATTS never forgot his roots, and the experience that comes from serving in local and State assemblies served him in good stead in the U.S. Congress.

JOHN WATTS will be greatly missed in the Halls of Congress.

On behalf of myself and Mrs. Anderson, I want to take this opportunity to extend to Mrs. Watts and their daughter, Mrs. Lillian Davidson, this expression of our deepest and most sincere sympathy.

Mr. ABBITT. Mr. Speaker, all of us have sustained a great loss in the passing of our friend and colleague, the Honorable JOHN C. WATTS, of Kentucky, who died last Friday afternoon. His death not only came as a shock to us; his passing leaves a great void in the Congress and also among the people in the Sixth Congressional District, whom he served so faithfully for the past 20 years.

JOHN was a dear friend and one of the closest associates I had in the Congress.

As the press has so aptly pointed out, JOHN WATTS was one of the band of quiet servants in Congress who give themselves untiringly to the role of legislator, without seeking publicity or getting the full recognition they deserve. His work on the House Ways and Means Committee has been noteworthy in the highest degree. He has contributed tremendously to the arduous task of shaping tax legislation and the considerable achievements in the field of social security, trade, welfare reform, medicare, and economic policy which has come from that committee during his tenure as a member. His has been a large role, but he has perferred to do what he did without seeking the limelight or caring who received credit for the ultimate achievements.

Before going on the Ways and Means Committee, he was a very valuable member of the House Agriculture Committee, on which we served together. He has played a major role in tobacco legislation and his advice and counsel were always helpful, long after he left our committee. JOHN was a man who did his homework and who

spoke both with authority and knowledge. His influential voice was respected and his full contribution to the affairs of this Nation may never be adequately appraised.

This diligence for detail and quest for full knowledge of every subject was also reflected in his service to his district. He gave of himself untiringly and he was loved and admired by his constituents.

As is true of so many public servants, JOHN's life was a catalog of interest in the affairs of his community, his State, and his Nation. He contributed considerably to the betterment of all of them. Born in Nicholasville, Ky., on July 9, 1902, he became a lawyer, farmer, banker, police judge in his hometown, county attorney for Jessamine County, a member and majority leader of the Kentucky House of Representatives, county Democratic chairman and commissioner of motor transportation for Kentucky, before coming to Congress.

To his wife and family, we extend our deepest sympathy and in their loss they can have the consolation that his life was well spent in the service of others and his loss will be felt directly or indirectly by every American.

Mr. MADDEN. Mr. Speaker, I join the Kentucky delegation in expressing my sorrow at the passing of our colleague, JOHN WATTS. I met him shortly after he came to Congress 20 years ago. During the last 10 years we were, across the corridor, neighbors in the Rayburn Building.

He was highly conscientious, industrious, and a devoted Member of the House of Representatives. He spent long hours and hard work in his office serving his constituents who have rewarded his outstanding congressional work for 10 successive elections. As a member of the Ways and Means Committee over the years, he was an authority on the complicated problems of taxation, social security, international trade, and welfare problems. He not only served the interests of his constituents by his record and ability as a Member of Congress, but was a great contribution to his community, State, and Nation.

I join all our colleagues in mourning his passing and extend my sympathy to his wife and family in their bereavement.

Mr. CORMAN. Mr. Speaker, it was a great shock to learn Saturday of the death of the Honorable JOHN WATTS.

For the past 3 years, I have had the privilege of serving with him on the Ways and Means Committee and came to know him for the

kindness and powerful leadership which characterized his 20 years of service in the Congress.

JOHN was a quiet man who shunned publicity and personal recognition but one who worked unceasingly within the committee to perfect each piece of legislation with his own touch of gentle humanity.

Though he served on a committee which dealt with issues of such important national significance as taxes, trade and welfare, he never neglected the needs of his own people and was a champion of legislation benefiting his home State of Kentucky.

To Mrs. Watts and his family, my wife and I extend our deepest sympathies.

Mr. MANN. Mr. Speaker, JOHN WATTS was indeed a man who towered among his colleagues like a giant oak tree among saplings. His good and faithful counsel was a balm to those, such as myself, who came to this Congress and earnestly sought what knowledge they must have to perform usefully in the service of America. He gave this counsel unstintingly to newer Members of this body whether they were of his party or not, whether they were of his ideological beliefs or not. For JOHN CLARENCE WATTS well knew that this House, if it is to be representative of the world outside its walls at all, must be composed of men who know its customs and unwritten traditions by heart.

He was such a teacher, such a wise and faithful counsel, that in his passing I am reminded of those words which have been used in this House only for those of the most wide-ranging influence and good will:

> God, gives us men! A time like this demands
> Strong minds, great hearts, true faith, and ready hands;
> Men whom the lust of office does not kill;
> Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy;
> Men who possess opinions and a will;
> Men who have honor; men who will not lie;
> Strong men, who live above the fog.
> In public duty and in private thinking.

JOHN WATTS was such a man. To these Halls he brought all the country fervor of his years as a rural lawyer who served his community as police judge, county attorney, and member of the Kentucky State Legislature. In his capacity in this House as the second-ranking Democratic member of both the House Committee on

Ways and Means and the Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation, JOHN CLARENCE WATTS had a strong hand in shaping major policies and in preserving fiscal soundness. Both Kentucky and Congress will miss him, as well, indeed, the Nation.

Mr. ABERNETHY. Mr. Speaker, the passing of JOHN WATTS came as a distinct shock. Only a few days ago he and I were having lunch together, as we often did, in the Members' dining room. As usual he was happy, friendly, talkative, and entertaining. It is difficult for me to believe that his voice is now hushed and he is removed from our midst.

JOHN WATTS was a dedicated public servant. I recall when he first came to the Congress he sought and secured an assignment to the Committee on Agriculture on which I serve. During the years he served on this committee he represented his farm people as well as the consumers exceedingly well. He was the author of numerous pieces of legislation quite beneficial to his farming constituents. And JOHN never had much trouble getting his bills passed because he always made a good case and the members of the committee had confidence in him.

He and I have been good friends. And his friendship was one that I greatly cherished.

We shall miss JOHN WATTS on this Hill. His district and State will also miss him because he was such a fine man and a great Member of this body.

To his family and his constituents I extend my deepest sympathy.

Mr. DORN. Mr. Speaker, JOHN WATTS was a Congressman's Congressman. He was a truly great American who effectively advocated a strong and sound economy. He will be greatly missed by the people he served so well and faithfully, the people of the region that sent Henry Clay to national leadership. JOHN WATTS will be missed in the Congress, where, as a ranking member of the Committee on Ways and Means, his wise counsel was sought after and followed.

He was a noble Representative of the great culture, heritage and traditions of his region, the heart of the great Bluegrass country.

Farmer and lawyer, he embodied the great qualities of the Bluegrass State.

Mr. Speaker, it was my privilege to serve in this body with Congressman WATTS for more than 20 years. He was for us a constant source of strength and wise counsel.

Mrs. Dorn joins me in my deepest and most heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Watts.

Mr. FUQUA. Mr. Speaker, the passing of Congressman JOHN WATTS, of Kentucky, came as a particularly personal loss to me. He was one of the first men I met when I came to the Congress nearly 10 years ago.

Like so many others, I was to learn to respect his wise counsel and to appreciate his friendship. There are 435 Members of the House—not including the delegate—and there are giants among that number. JOHN WATTS was one of those giants.

In 1951 he was elected to Congress in a special election following a long career of public service that began with his graduation from the University of Kentucky in 1925.

A lawyer, a farmer, a banker, a magnificent individual.

He leaves at his passing his devoted wife and a loving daughter. To them I extend my deepest sympathy.

Congressman WATTS was a fighter, a great competitor; there was nothing he enjoyed more than a good scrap. His influence on the Ways and Means Committee was a powerful one and he had a profound effect on much of the major legislation passed by the Congress over the past decade.

During the debate in the Congress, I enjoyed his counsel and his guidance. There was always something unique about JOHN WATTS, he had a basic feel for the legislative process and was always willing to share his wisdom with his friends.

There have been few Members whose passing caused more genuine concern than did that of our late colleague. He joins the rank of the great Kentuckians whose service to this Nation will never be forgotten.

Mr. ANDREWS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I was deeply saddened to learn of the death of my longtime friend and colleague, the Honorable JOHN C. WATTS.

JOHN WATTS was a powerful and highly effective Member of this body, and one who went about his duties in a quiet manner, without fanfare and the bright lights of publicity.

He worked long and hard for his country and for the people of his district in Kentucky. As a high ranking member of the Ways and Means Committee, he brought his sound judgment and knowledge to bear on the complex and far-reaching legislation handled by that committee.

JOHN WATTS' career in public service was always characterized by a high sense of responsibility. That career included service as a county attorney, membership in the State legislature, a post in the Governor's cabinet, and, finally, membership in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Through it all, those whom he represented received the best that JOHN WATTS had to offer, and what he had to offer was considerable indeed.

I shall miss my truly kind friend, JOHN WATTS. I shall miss the calmness and commonsense that he exhibited in times of great stress in this body. But, most of all, I shall miss my association with this good man and fine Kentucky gentleman.

Kentucky and the Nation are considerably poorer with the passing of JOHN WATTS.

Mrs. Andrews joins me in extending our deepest sympathy to his lovely wife and daughter.

Mr. HELSTOSKI. Mr. Speaker, with great regret, I note the sudden demise of the Honorable JOHN C. WATTS of the Kentucky Sixth District, a man of many talents, and the good friend of many in this Chamber.

For 20 years, JOHN WATTS represented the people of the Lexington area, in central Kentucky, in a manner that rendered him a leader in Democratic Party circles and a leader in the House. As second-ranking member of the Ways and Means Committee, and the close friend and confidant of Chairman Wilbur Mills, he rendered countless important contributions to landmark legislative achievements in the areas of taxation, trade, social security and welfare legislation.

Preceding his entrance in politics, JOHN WATTS was a lawyer, a farmer, a banker, and a police judge. In politics, he served initially as a county attorney before winning election to the Kentucky House of Representatives, where he rose to the position of majority leader. At one time, he held the post of county chairman of the Democratic Party, and was briefly commissioner of motor transportation for the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Sent to Congress in a special election, in 1951, he brought to Washington a talent for quiet, effective legislative operations, looking to the best interests of his district and the country. He was one of those quiet men who shun the limelight and get things done, with great effectiveness.

As a member of the Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation, JOHN WATTS established himself as an expert, and was called upon constantly for advice in matters touching on taxation of every kind. He also became thoroughly familiar with tariff problems and attracted some attention in 1965, as a leader in the successful battle to amend tariff legislation, reducing the amount of duty-free liquor permitted entrance to the country on the person of tourists returning from abroad.

In all his operations, political and personal, JOHN WATTS had a way of winning friends and molding the popular opinion. He was a potent force in all his undertakings and a man of the greatest honor and integrity.

His loss to Congress and the country is great indeed.

Mr. LANDRUM. Mr. Speaker, I am distressed to learn of the passing of a distinguished Member of this House and a very dear personal friend, the Honorable JOHN C. WATTS of the Sixth District of Kentucky.

No one could know JOHN WATTS without understanding that he was one of the most complete representatives of the people that has ever served in this body. His keen, perceptive mind told him what proposed legislation would do and his understanding of the needs of the people of his district, his State, and this Nation told him whether the proposed legislation should be supported or not supported.

JOHN WATTS was not moved by anything that would not add to making people happier and better citizens. He was one of the few

men that I have been privileged to know who could take all the parts of proposed legislation, that is, people, things, places, and put them all together like a mosaic—making something good for man and beautiful to behold.

All who knew him loved him, and the intimate friendship which he allowed me to enjoy with him is one that I shall cherish to the end of my days.

To his widow Nora and to his daughter Lillian, Mrs. Landrum joins in extending our warm sympathy and very best regards.

Mr. PERKINS. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution.

The Clerk read the resolution as follows:

HOUSE RESOLUTION 618

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable JOHN C. WATTS, a Representative from the State of Kentucky.

Resolved, That a committee of 34 Members of the House, with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expense in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The resolutions were agreed to.

The SPEAKER. The Chair appoints as members of the funeral committee the following Members on the part of the House: Mr. Perkins, Mr. Boggs, Mr. Natcher, Mr. Stubblefield, Mr. Carter, Mr. Snyder, Mr. Mazzoli, Mr. Poage, Mr. Mills of Arkansas Mr. Abernethy, Mr. Byrnes of Wisconsin, Mr. Burleson of Texas, Mr. Abbitt, Mr. Betts, Mr. Broyhill of Virginia, Mr. Landrum, Mrs. Griffiths, Mr. Vanik, Mr. Chamberlain, Mr. Collier, Mr. Ullman, Mr. Burke of Massachusetts Mr. Rostenkowski, Mr. Schneebeli, Mr. Carey of New York, Mr. Corman, Mr. Waggonner, Mr. Fulton of Tennessee, Mr. Gibbons, Mr. Green of Pennsylvania, Mr. Conable, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Brotzman, and Mr. Pettis.

The SPEAKER. The Clerk will report the remaining resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

The resolution was agreed to.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 41 minutes p.m.) the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, September 28, 1971, at 12 o'clock noon.

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ADDRESS BY HON. O. C. FISHER

OF TEXAS

Mr. Speaker, the death of JOHN WATTS of Kentucky is a severe blow to this Congress, to his State, and to the entire country. He was a quiet, methodical, intelligent Member who performed with great dignity and influence. JOHN commanded universal respect, and he left an imprint on many legislative enactments. He made a record here of which any Member could be proud.

To me JOHN WATTS was a personal friend. He officed across the hall from me and our paths crossed every day. We had many things in common, and it was always exhilerating to be in his presence. Through the years I spent many hours with JOHN and I admired him very much. He was a devout patriot and indeed a truly great American.

To Mrs. Watts and other members of his family I extend my profound sympathy in their bereavement.

ADDRESS BY HON. M. G. (GENE) SNYDER

OF KENTUCKY

Mr. Speaker, JOHN WATTS was my friend. He proved it many times. Not only Kentucky, but the entire Nation suffered an irreparable loss in the death of JOHN WATTS.

The passing of JOHN has been a sad blow to me personally, but more important, we all recognize the loss to the Nation of this dedicated public servant.

I had a high esteem for JOHN and our relationship was truly a rewarding and gainful experience to me. JOHN enriched the lives of many I know for I have heard them say so. I had a reverential

regard for him and I am sure many on this floor today felt the same. From the first day I came to know JOHN he made it clear that at home in Kentucky or here in the Congress, our friendship would transcend partisan politics. That same relationship grew with the years right up to his departure from our midst last week.

He had a reputation of ministerial skills in Government representation in serving the needs of the Sixth District which borders on seven of my 10 counties in the Fourth District. We worked closely on many State and Federal matters in which his counsel was sought not only by me, but by many officials on multigovernment levels. He carried that same dedication over in his duties and rank on the Committee on Ways and Means and the Joint Committee on Internal Taxation.

Mr. Speaker, JOHN WATTS was truly a gentleman of Kentucky in the noblest sense of the word. A philosopher once said that we never forget a person in our hearts unless his greatness is forgotten. If this is true, then those of us that were privileged to know JOHN will never forget him.

He was a man that was close to the Kentucky bluegrass roots from which he came. He brought his vast experience as a farmer, a banker, and as a lawyer which were united in considerable contribution in landmark legislation in taxation, trade, welfare, and social security.

In this hour of loss, I think we should remember the words of John Whittier which exemplify some of the greatness of JOHN WATTS:

> Formed on the good old plan,
> A true and brave and downright honest man!
> He blew no trumpet in the market place,
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> Loathing pretense, he did with cheerful will,
> What others talked of while their hands were still.

May I express my sympathy and condolences to his wife, Nora, and the family in their great loss. For my own part, I have lost one of my dearest friends.

Mr. Speaker, my life is richer because I knew JOHN WATTS. He passed my way for which I am thankful. But, Mr. Speaker, I have lost a friend. Richer I am for having known him—I have a great void because my friend is gone.

ADDRESS BY HON. CHARLES E. CHAMBERLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

Mr. Speaker, the news over the weekend of the death of our colleague, JOHN WATTS, was appalling and I regret very much that it was not possible for me to join those who spoke yesterday in this Chamber of this warm friendship and deep respect for this kind man who left us so suddenly.

Although JOHN WATTS and I served together in the House for many years, it was not until my appointment to the House Ways and Means Committee that I came to know him well and to understand and appreciate fully his tremendous service to his constituency, to the Congress, and to our Nation. JOHN was a quiet but effective legislator, accomplishing his objectives through a comprehensive knowledge of the facts, through industry and perserverance, and through his rapport with his colleagues. As he set about to win advocates to his causes, he never lost the respect of his legislative opponents.

To Mrs. Watts and their daughter, I express my deep sympathy and my hope that knowing how much JOHN was loved during his lifetime will be of some comfort to them in their loss for JOHN will be missed here in the Congress as he is missed at home by his family.

ADDRESS BY HON. SPARK M. MATSUNAGA

OF HAWAII

Mr. Speaker, with the passing of JOHN C. WATTS of Kentucky, we in the House have lost an able and competent colleague; his constituents in Kentucky have lost a dedicated and effective representative.

In the course of a career that spanned four decades of public service, JOHN WATTS displayed a quiet astuteness and a grasp of complex legislation which belied his protestations that he was "just a country lawyer." He was, in fact, a man of extraordinary talents, a tenacious

and articulate advocate of the best interests of the people of Kentucky and all America.

During my 9 years in the House, I had occasion to work closely with JOHN WATTS on several pieces of legislation. His knowledge of a pending measure's content was certain and complete, his judgment on crucial issues sure and true.

As a former educator, I had a special appreciation of JOHN WATTS' longstanding support for better educational programs. In a recent interview, stressing the need for "an educated populace," he pointed out:

> Education is one of the most essential things this country can have.

In a sense, we in the House who were fortunate enough to know JOHN WATTS, received an education in how to achieve legislative goals effectively, while remaining true to principle. For he was a man of principle, who served his district, his State and his country as few others ever have.

I join my colleagues in extending my sincerest condolences and sympathy to his wife, Nora, and members of his family, in this hour of sorrow.

ADDRESS BY HON. THOMAS P. O'NEILL, JR.

OF MASSACHUSETTS

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take the opportunity to join my colleagues in expressing sorrow over the death of the Honorable JOHN C. WATTS. As a member of the Ways and Means Committee, Congressman WATTS made a great contribution to legislative achievements in the fields of taxation, trade, and social security, as well as chairing the Democratic Party in his home county for 28 years. The people of Kentucky have lost a great friend and public servant with the passing of JOHN WATTS. A Member of the House for 20 years, JOHN WATTS was a dedicated, hard-working Representative of the people of the Sixth District of Kentucky, whose needs and problems he never neglected. Mrs. O'Neill and the entire O'Neill family offer our most sincere condolences to the family and intimate friends of the late Congressman from Kentucky in their time of mourning.

ADDRESS BY HON. JOHN R. RARICK

OF LOUISIANA

Mr. Speaker, on last Friday, this House, the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and the Nation lost a noble and dedicated patriot and public servant; the Committee on Ways and Means and the Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation lost a most capable and respected member, and all of us who knew JOHN WATTS lost a loyal friend.

For the past 5 years, I have had the good fortune to serve with him in this House. I have known him to be a kind, soft spoken, and considerate person. He was also a practical and down to earth man who faced the reality of hard facts. He was endowed in large measure with commonsense, a quality which is sorely needed today. This attribute plus his sound judgment and background as a lawyer and banker equipped him admirably for membership on the prestigious Committee on Ways and Means where he rendered yeoman service to the Nation.

JOHN WATTS believed charity should begin at home. His first obligation as a public servant was to his constituents. Yet, in looking after the interests of those who elected him, he always considered the common good of his State of Kentucky and of the Nation.

I express my heartfelt sympathy to his wife and other members of his family in their loss and sorrow.

ADDRESS BY HON. JAMES A. BYRNE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

Mr. Speaker, it is with heavy heart that I join my colleagues in marking the death of my dear friend JOHN CLARENCE WATTS, my colleague for many years—since my election to the Congress.

For some 7 years, since the opening of the Rayburn House Office Building, I had the honor and the pleasure of occupying the suite next to him, and I cannot count the times we walked together down these Halls. And now he is gone.

His career of service to the people of Kentucky and his Nation is well known and honored—as a judge in his native city of Nicholasville at the age of only 27; county attorney of his native Jessamine County at 31; majority leader of the House of Representatives of the great Commonwealth of Kentucky; and a Member of this body for more than 20 years.

His service was long and honorable. His death is a great loss to all of us. To his family we offer our heartfelt condolences. We share their loss. We share their love for him.

ADDRESS BY HON. DAN ROSTENKOWSKI

OF ILLINOIS

Mr. Speaker, I am deeply grieved, as are all our colleagues in the House of Representatives, by the untimely death of our good friend, JOHN WATTS, late a Congressman from Kentucky. He was a giant both in representing his beloved Kentucky district, and in serving the best interests of his country.

The passing of JOHN WATTS shall affect me in many ways. As a native Kentuckian, he rose from the position of a county police judge, to the role of a legislator of national prominence, yet never lost the sense of his humble beginnings. I shall miss his candor and his humility. As a member of the House Ways and Means Committee, his adroitness as a legislator was unsurpassed and his methodical approach to the most difficult of problems always showed us the best path to follow. I shall miss his leadership and his counsel. As a very accessible and congenial legislator, with a unique sense of humor, he was a definite asset to this often austere body. I shall miss his kindness and friendship.

But, more than anything else, Mr. Speaker, I shall miss the time each week that we had dinner together. For, it was during these

times, that someone could really get to know JOHN WATTS. In the evening, when things were quiet, I enjoyed sitting back with JOHN and listening to his stories. It was obvious that his love for people. and for the bluegrass of his native State dominated most of his thought. He was, during these times, a thoroughly enjoyable and relaxing friend.

Yes, I shall miss all these things as I am sure will most of the Members of this House—a House which has so long benefited from his good services and his sound counsel. We shall miss him but we shall not, however, forget either the man or his contributions.

On behalf of Mrs. Rostenkowski and myself, I would like to express my sympathy to Mrs. Watts and the entire Watts family.

ADDRESS BY HON. JAMES A. HALEY

OF FLORIDA

Mr. Speaker, with great sadness I join our colleagues in expressing my deep sense of loss at the passing of our good friend JOHN C. WATTS. Although words are always so inadequate to comfort loved ones at a time like this, JOHN'S wife, daughter, and other members of his family will surely draw strength in these dark days from the legacy of outstanding public service JOHN has left over four decades in his home State of Kentucky and the U.S. Congress.

JOHN was a man of great integrity and sound judgment. He contributed immeasurably to his important assignment on the Ways and Means Committee of which he was the second-ranking member. His love of the outdoors and his capacity to understand and act on complex issues of the day made him a very special representative of the people. He was the kind of man the Nation desperately needs in these crucial times.

As one who sincerely appreciated JOHN and what he stood for, I hope that we will work a little harder and walk a little taller to try and close the gap in our ranks that losing this fine patriot has caused.

ADDRESS BY HON. JOHN J. ROONEY

OF NEW YORK

Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I join my colleagues in this tribute to the late Honorable JOHN C. WATTS, of Kentucky, who for 20 years served so admirably here in the House of Representatives. JOHN was a dedicated man of quiet determination who knew how to get things accomplished. In the best sense of the word he was a "pro." He was a man who had many friends and was one to whom friendship meant much. His leadership and his brand of responsible legislative action were a guide for us all. As the second ranking member of the House Committee on Ways and Means, JOHN WATTS earned the respect of all, from both sides of the aisle. As a warm and patient human being he earned the affection of us all. He will be sorely missed both as a legislator and as a friend. His wife and daughter have our deepest sympathy in their loss.

ADDRESS BY HON. ROMANO L. MAZZOLI

OF KENTUCKY

Mr. Speaker, the constituents of Kentucky's Sixth District have suffered a terrible loss by the death of our respected and beloved colleague, Representative JOHN WATTS, of Nicholasville. Though he never sought fame, or the limelight of publicity, JOHN WATTS will be remembered always for his dedication to public service—to his district, to his State, and to the Nation.

We, in the Kentucky delegation, worked closely with him and were particularly grateful for his many achievements on behalf of our Commonwealth. Over the years since he came to Congress in 1951, Congressman WATTS was directly responsible for the location in Kentucky of much new industry, for the growth and expansion of existing business, and for additional jobs for our people. He worked

tirelessly to promote the welfare of Kentucky and Kentuckians, and during his lifetime he saw many of his most cherished plans come to successful fruition.

Farmer, banker, lawyer, legislator—his career embraced a wealth of experience shared by few men. To his post on the House Ways and Means Committee, Mr. WATTS brought a breadth of knowledge which contributed to landmark legislation achievements in the fields of taxation, trade, social security, and welfare. His careful preparation and intuitive grasp of detail often enabled him to propose a compromise acceptable to all when an issue seemed deadlocked. He was a quiet man who commanded the respect and admiration of everyone who knew him.

The Congress, the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and the Sixth Congressional District will be poorer without him. There is none who can fully take his place. He will occupy a special place forever in the hearts of his colleagues, friends, and admirers.

My deepest sympathy goes out to his bereaved family in this time of grief.

ADDRESS BY HON. CHARLES E. BENNETT

OF FLORIDA

Mr. Speaker, all of us join in deepest sympathy for the family of our beloved colleague, JOHN WATTS of Kentucky. He was born and reared in the bluegrass section of Kentucky, and ably represented that beautiful area in the Congress for the past two decades. That land is one where my own ancestors lived when it was still a part of Virginia; and as a boy I used to work there on the farms of my relatives at Versailles, Georgetown, Midway, and Great Crossings. I know that verdant country and its fine people; and JOHN WATTS vigorously represented them here in his work for measures that would strengthen and improve our country in the changing times in which we live. I sincerely hope that the knowledge his widow and family have of his many great contributions to the American way of life and to mankind may be of some comfort to them in their grief.

ADDRESS BY HON. HERMAN T. SCHNEEBELI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

Mr. Speaker, the Members of Congress are distressed and saddened by the sudden passing of our fine colleague, JOHN WATTS. I knew JOHN well, since we served on the Ways and Means Committee together for more than 10 years.

JOHN WATTS was one of the most friendly, cooperative, and effective Members of the House of Representatives.

He displayed a great grasp of tax law, and studied all legislation in committee executive sessions thoroughly to make sure his understanding was complete. He was most resourceful and persistent in searching out the facts, and was justly considered to be one of the most knowledgeable members of the committee.

In his very quiet and friendly manner he was most effective and persistent in furthering his objectives, and he was appreciated by his colleagues for his cooperation and loyalty. Among his outstanding qualities were his good judgment and commonsense, which led his colleagues to consult with him and regard him as a tower of strength during deliberations on legislation.

On a personal side, he was an ardent, enthusiastic, and capable sportsman and displayed a great sense of warmth and an excellent sense of humor. He was self-effacing, and his humility was both evident and sincere. He was a grand person and a thoroughly good American. We shall all miss having his genial personality among us.

ADDRESS BY HON. MARIO BIAGGI

OF NEW YORK

Mr. Speaker, it is a sad occasion to note the passing of our distinguished former colleague, the Honorable JOHN C. WATTS.

JOHN WATTS was not known as the most vociferous Member of this body. His voice did not ring loudly in this Chamber during

debate. He was a quiet man. He was a fine man. However, his expertise and ability were well known by every Member. His effectiveness on the Committee on Ways and Means ranks among that of the greatest in history.

Throughout his life he served his fellow countryman ably and well. His public career started with service as a county attorney. Then he took the mandate of his people to the State legislature followed by a post in the Governor's cabinet. However, his pinnacle was reached as a Member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Throughout his service here, his presence was greatly felt. Whether it was on a measure before his committee or discussing the major topics of the day, his knowledge and dedication were essential to the sound completion of this body's works. Without a doubt his presence in this Nation will be missed.

My sympathies go out to his wife and daughter in their time of sorrow.

ADDRESS BY HON. OTTO E. PASSMAN

OF LOUISIANA

Mr. Speaker, I wish to join with my colleagues in paying tribute to the memory of my dear friend and colleague, JOHN C. WATTS.

It was my privilege to serve in the House with JOHN for 20 years. During that time, it was my good fortune to develop a close friendship with JOHN WATTS. My respect and admiration for his great ability, humane concern about his fellow man, and devotion to duty increased with each passing year. His passing is a grave loss to this body, to his country and to his friends, but certainly this world is a better place in which to live for JOHN's having lived in it.

I extend my heartfelt sympathy to his family and pray that our Heavenly Father will comfort them in their great loss and sorrow.

ADDRESS BY HON. WILBUR D. MILLS

OF ARKANSAS

Mr. Speaker, under leave to extend my remarks in the Record, I include the following article regarding the dedication of a memorial to the late Honorable JOHN C. WATTS:

DEDICATE A MEMORIAL TO REPRESENTATIVE WATTS

Regardless of party affiliation, the people of Central Kentucky had a hard-working public servant in JOHN C. WATTS who served Kentucky's Sixth Congressional with distinction for two decades.

Although he served in a national setting, he clearly represented the people and the interests of Central Kentucky fully. He never forgot the people who put him in office nor those who lived in his district.

His death represents more than the passing of a single individual; it also marks a major loss in power to the people in Central Kentucky. Through the seniority system in Congress, Rep. WATTS had achieved a position of tremendous power, which he had used wisely to aid his home district.

No successor will have such power.

Because Congressman WATTS performed such distinguished service for so long in this district, we think it would be fitting and appropriate to name some major public building or highway in his honor.

Perhaps the new post office building in Lexington should be called the John C. Watts Federal Building, to remember the man who worked so long and hard to bring the facility here. When it is built, he should be remembered in it.

Or perhaps, one of the buildings at the University of Kentucky should bear his name, for his contributions to UK were many. Maybe the tobacco research facility should be named to honor the late Congressman WATTS—for no man has done more in protecting the tobacco industry than our own distinguished Congressman.

Thoroughbred racing also should consider paying tribute to this distinguished Congressman from Kentucky who did much to aid the "Sport of Kings." Either a race track building or a race should bear his name, for he did much during his years on Capitol Hill to enact favorable legislation for the horse interests in the nation.

Then again, maybe a major street in each of the communities of the Sixth District should be renamed to commemorate Congressman WATTS.

He served us so long and well, he should be honored by the public.

ADDRESS BY HON. JOHN C. KLUCZYNSKI

OF ILLINOIS

Mr. Speaker, the death of our colleague JOHN WATTS has brought great sorrow to this body, to the State of Kentucky, and to the Nation. We mourn the passing of a man whose quiet dedication marked a career spanning four decades of public service.

During his 20 years in the House of Representatives, Congressman WATTS brought his wealth of experience in law, banking, farming, and State and local government to bear on many of the most complex problems of our society. He made outstanding contributions in the area of tax trade, social security, welfare reform, and health legislation. At the same time, he was loved and admired by his constituents for his untiring efforts on their behalf and his success in achieving legislation benefiting his district and the State of Kentucky.

To his colleagues, JOHN WATTS showed unfailing generosity, loyalty, and warmth. Shunning publicity and personal recognition, he worked long hours to perfect the details of legislation, and his knowledge and wise counsel were often a tremendous help to younger Members and those who sought him out for advice. All those of us who had the opportunity to know him and work with him, the constituents he served so well, the State of Kentucky which was home to him all his life, and the Nation, which has lost one of its finest legislators, will miss him terribly. His was the kind of patriotism that is not based on rhetoric or loud displays, but on a profound and confident love of this country and its values. He was an example to all of us.

Mrs. Kluczynski and I join my colleagues in expressing our heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved loved ones.

ADDRESS BY HON. FRANK A. STUBBLEFIELD

OF KENTUCKY

Mr. Speaker, JOHN WATTS' death was a great shock to all who knew him. He was my long-time personal friend since the years he was majority leader in the Kentucky Legislature, where he served his State with great distinction.

JOHN'S great talents were recognized by all of the Members of Congress. His great capacity to understand and solve the complex problems that confront us daily moved him up to a seat of power and influence in the U.S. Congress. JOHN gave his time unselfishly to new Members, who constantly sought his advice and wise counsel in their efforts to gain knowledge and guidance in order to perform their multiple duties.

JOHN'S quiet manner, his kindness, his honesty and frankness endeared him to all Members regardless of ideology or party.

During his congressional tenure of 20 years, he was a member of the House Committees on Public Works, Agriculture, and Ways and Means. In all these assignments, JOHN served with dedication to improve the lot of all the people of this Nation, and he never failed to champion legislation that would benefit his home district and his State of Kentucky.

JOHN WATTS will be missed in the Halls of Congress, the State of Kentucky, and the Nation.

My wife joins me in extending our sincere sympathy to his wife, Nora, and daughter, Lillian.

ADDRESS BY HON. JULIA BUTLER HANSEN

OF WASHINGTON

Mr. Speaker, may I join my fellow Members in expressing a deep sadness in the death of JOHN C. WATTS—a colleague, a friend, and a man whom I held in the highest esteem.

When I came to Congress 12 years ago I was like all junior Representatives, having much to learn of my new position. Among the most willing to help was the Congressman from Kentucky, and no better instructor could have been provided. I and many others in Congress owe much of any success we might achieve to our association with the late Congressman WATTS.

A quiet, soft-spoken man, JOHN WATTS was an effective legislator who knew and practiced those methods by which accomplishments can best be realized. He did not employ sensationalism, verbosity or antagonism; he practiced hard work.

Over the 40 years that our beloved colleague spent in serving the public, as a lawyer, jurist, and legislator, he so developed his abilities and maintained his integrity that he was truly a professional. Knowledgeable about his work and sincere in his effort to perform to the maximum, Kentucky can be proud of the contribution that their son gave to the House of Representatives, his State, and to the Nation.

ADDRESS BY HON. NEAL SMITH

OF IOWA

Mr. Speaker, I want to join my colleagues who have expressed sorrow at the passing of our esteemed late colleague JOHN C. WATTS.

I knew him personally as a person with whom I held many discussions concerning current economic and social problems and ways Government might help people. He was a person who kept in touch with the current problems and attitudes of people in his district and was always anxious to compare his observations with the impressions of those from other areas. He was a people's Representative.

His death is mourned by all Members of the House. As a result of his knowledge and years of service on the Ways and Means Committee JOHN WATTS was respected by all Members for his contribution to effective and progressive legislation. He was a most dedicated servant of the people. This body has lost a truly fine man and good friend.

I extend my sympathy to his family for whom his life and service must serve as a great source of comfort.

ADDRESS BY HON. HAROLD R. COLLIER

OF ILLINOIS

Mr. Speaker, one of the many rewards that accompany service in this great body is the opportunity to associate with men of varied backgrounds and experience. One learns much from such associations and the resulting exchanges of views. An especially rewarding friendship was the one that I enjoyed with JOHN CLARENCE WATTS, who served in the House of Representatives for over 20 years.

We must ever be mindful that "in the midst of life we are in death," as the Book of Common Prayer so eloquently puts it, but it is nonetheless a shock when a friend of many years suddenly leaves us. One of those whose passing will leave a void was the gentleman from Kentucky, with whom I was privileged to serve on the Committee on Ways and Means.

His years of experience as a lawyer and banker in his native State qualified him to become a valued member not only of that committee but of the Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation as well. On both these important bodies he had attained sufficient seniority to entitle him to a seat next to those of the leaders. His combined legal and financial counsel left its imprint on the revenue measures that emanated from the former committee and eventually became law.

JOHN C. WATTS represented his district, his State, and his country with great distinction. While he was devoted to his party and its interests, the good of his country received a higher priority.

May he rest in peace and may God comfort those he left behind.

ADDRESS BY HON. JACKSON E. BETTS

OF OHIO

Mr. Speaker, JOHN WATTS and I came to Washington in the 82d Congress and we were friends ever since then. I admired and respected

him for many reasons all of which, in my opinion, made him a great Congressman.

He was completely frank. Everyone knew how he stood on every issue. And he was a practical person. He was able to look at legislation in terms of how it fitted into the present order of things rather than theorizing on possibilities.

As a fellow member on the Ways and Means Committee, I had the opportunity to observe him at close range over many years. Without reservations, he was capable, conscientious, and forthright. His contributions to the committee were tremendous.

I will miss him, as will the entire Congress and his district, because he was a friend and a dedicated American.

ADDRESS BY HON. RICHARD H. FULTON

OF TENNESSEE

Mr. Speaker, it is always difficult to say farewell to a neighbor. A neighbor in State geography. A neighbor in service to our country. A neighbor in work, in this case, work of the Ways and Means Committee. A neighbor—and friend—with whom many experiences were shared and from whom much knowledge was gained.

It is most difficult to choose the words of farewell equal to the stature and nature of the man in whose memory they are directed, Kentucky's distinguished son and Representative, JOHN WATTS. In my 7 years as a member of the Ways and Means Committee, 9 years in the House, and indeed, 44 years of life, I have met few men whose dedication and ability so recommended him for this honored position in life and his Nation's tribute and thanks in death.

That each of us in this House can say we served with JOHN WATTS is something for which we can be most grateful. That his memory and service to America will be cherished and preserved is something of which his family, friends, colleagues, and fellow countrymen can be assured.

PROCEEDINGS
IN THE
UNITED STATES SENATE

Proceedings in the Senate

MONDAY, *September 27, 1971.*

Mr. COOPER. Mr. President, I ask the Chair to lay before the Senate a message from the House of Representatives on House Resolution 618.

The Chair laid before the Senate House Resolution 618, which was read as follows:

HOUSE RESOLUTION 618

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable JOHN C. WATTS, a Representative from the State of Kentucky.

Resolved, That a committee of thirty-four Members of the House, with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

Mr. COOPER. Mr. President, I send to the desk a resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The resolution will be stated.

The resolution (S. Res. 174) was read, as follows:

SENATE RESOLUTION 174

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Hon. JOHN C. WATTS, late a Representative from the State of Kentucky.

Resolved, That a committee of two Senators be appointed by the Presiding Officer to join the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Representative.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the resolution?

There being no objection, the resolution was considered and unanimously agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the second resolving clause, the Chair appoints the two Senators from Kentucky (Messrs. Cooper and Cook) as the committee on the part of the Senate to attend the funeral of the late Representative JOHN C. WATTS.

Mr. COOK. Mr. President, it is with deep regret that I note the passing of the honorable Congressman from Kentucky, JOHN CLARENCE WATTS.

In the brief but abundant history of our great Nation there are few who have served with the dedication, humility and consistency of Representative WATTS. A native of central Kentucky, JOHN WATTS chose to spend his entire life in the service of the good people of that area. Graduating from the law school of the University of Kentucky in 1927, private practice soon gave way to a permanent career in public service, first as a police court judge in his native Nicholasville, Ky., and later a county attorney, a State representative, majority leader in the State house, State commissioner of motor transportation and county party chairman. Elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in a special election in 1951, Congressman WATTS worked quietly but industriously for over 20 years for both the people of his home State and the entire Nation. As the second ranking member of the House Ways and Means Committee and an active member of the Joint Committees on Internal Revenue Taxation and the Reduction of Federal Expenditures, the skill, judgement and conscious dedication which he displayed soon earned him the love and respect of all who knew or worked with him.

This Nation, the Congress and my State in particular will sorely miss JOHN WATTS, a man who served with all that he could give.

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, if there be no further business to come before the Senate, I move, pursuant to the provisions of Senate Resolution 174, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Hon. JOHN C. WATTS, late a Representative from the State of Kentucky, and in accordance with the previous order, that the Senate stand in adjournment until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

The motion was agreed to; and (at 2 o'clock and 50 minutes p.m.) the Senate adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, September 28, 1971, at 10 a.m.

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